

BUDGET LETTER

NUMBER: 99-26	
SUBJECT: DISCHARGE FROM ACCOUNTABILITY	DATE ISSUED: SEPTEMBER 16, 1999
REFERENCES: CHAPTER 95, STATUTES OF 1999 (SB 27); STATE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL (SAM) SECTIONS 8241 AND 8776.6; GOVERNMENT CODE (GC) SECTIONS 13943.2 AND 16301.8	SUPERSEDES:

TO: Departmental Budget Officers
Departmental Accounting Officers
Department of Finance Budget and Accounting Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Effective immediately, the authority to discharge state agencies from accountability for amounts due the State has been changed from the Controller to the State Board of Control (Board).

All requests for discharge from accountability will be submitted to the State Controller's Office (SCO) as provided in the SAM Section 8776.6. The SCO will continue to audit the agency requests; however, the Board will make the final determination based on the recommendation of the SCO.

In addition, GC Section 16301.8, which authorized agencies to refrain from collecting amounts of \$250 or less, has been **repealed**. Chapter 95, Statutes of 1999, which added GC Section 13943.2, requires departments to seek this authorization from the Board. Departments must file an application with the Board, accompanied by a statement of circumstances, to refrain from collecting amounts of \$250 or less.

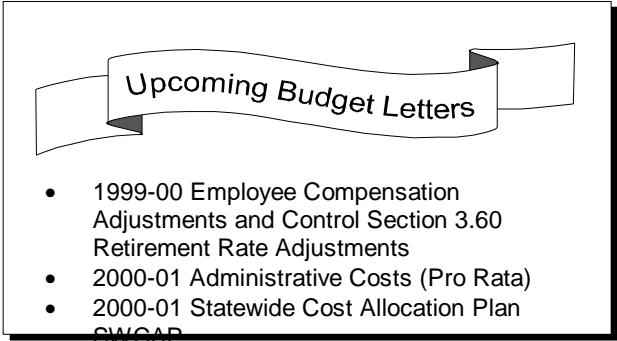
The SAM Sections 8241 and 8776.6 will be revised to reflect the provisions of the new law and distributed in December 1999.

Questions regarding the authorization to refrain from collecting amounts of \$250 or less should be directed to the Board, Government Claims Division, at (916) 323-3564 (CNET 473-3564).

If you have other questions, please contact the Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit at (916) 324-0385 (CNET 454-0385) or by e-mail at FSCUHotline@dof.ca.gov.



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